
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

4/21/09

The Board of Selectmen met in the Town Hall, Joseph F. Bilotta Meeting Room as scheduled with Thomas Alonzo, Paula Bertram, Steven M. deBettencourt, Thomas Mason, Dave Matthews present, CAFO Kerry Speidel absent. Meeting opened at 7:01 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 2009 Massachusetts Unsung Heroine – Sue Glennly - The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women named Sue Glennly of Lunenburg one of their 100 Unsung Heroines of 2009. Glennly was recognized for her extraordinary efforts running the Lunenburg emergency shelter during the December 2008 ice storm. Dozens of residents relied on the shelter for food, safety, and warmth while they went without power for as long as two weeks. Glennly exhibited remarkable dedication to her community, staying at the shelter 24 hours a day in the aftermath of the storm.

The MCSW will recognize Glennly in a ceremony on Wednesday, May 13 from 1-4pm at the State House in Boston. Jennifer Benson, State Representative of the 37th Middlesex (D-Lunenburg), who nominated Glennly for the award, will be on hand to offer her congratulations. "Sue is a remarkable woman," said Benson. "All throughout the storm, she dedicated herself to helping the people of Lunenburg survive and recover from the storm's devastation."

2. Lunenburg Cub Scout Pack 1728, Plant Sale, 5/9/09 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Ritter Bldg Lawn – CAFO approved the request of Cub Scout Pack 1728 to hold their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 9th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on the lawn of the Ritter Building, 960 Mass Ave. The proceeds from the sale allow the troop to provide summer camp scholarships, activities and events for the boys in the pack.

3. FREE ENERGY SAVINGS WORKSHOP

Chair read the following announcement for the Free Energy Savings Workshop to be held at the Lunenburg Public Library – "Want to save up to 40 percent on your next electric bill? Looking for inexpensive do-it-yourself solutions for reducing your home energy costs? Get the most bang for your buck when weatherizing your home with ways to finance this work and take advantage of the rebates available to you.

The Lunenburg Board of Selectmen will be hosting a "Home Energy Savings" workshop at the Lunenburg Public Library, 1023 Massachusetts Avenue, on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to noon time.

Michelle A. Roberts of EcoHealth Designs of Leominster will be on hand to discuss the 7 Principles of Healthy Homes, and the possibilities of Zero Net Energy homes and buildings.

Ms. Roberts was a member of Governor Deval Patrick's "Getting to Zero" task force to find creative ways to minimize the impacts of climate change and build a more secure energy future.

Presenters from the Massachusetts Municipal Association will discuss cost-effective weatherization techniques, how to hire a contractor, resources for home audits, financing and rebates, and illustrate hands-on tips. Free educational materials will be provided.

The public is invited to this free workshop with refreshments and networking time starting at 9:30 a.m.

"In a time when everyone is looking for ways to save money, we are pleased to offer this unique and free workshop to homeowners at which they will be able to collect valuable and useful information," said Board of Selectmen chair Tom Alonzo.

No registration required, for more information, call (978) 582-4144.

APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:15 Utilities Task Force – Bill Gustus, Chair of the Utilities Task Force came before the board to discuss the objective of the Task Force. Other members present Robert Bowen, Carolyn McCarthy, Carl Klempner, RJ Thibault and Ruth Ste.Marie(non voting mbr.).

2. 7:30 P.M. Automatic Amusement Application – Whalom Gas - George Sabe came before the board as he is applying for an automatic amusement license for Whalom Gas, Inc. located at 1 Whalom Road.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. CAFO Updates - none

2. Minutes - None

Warrants - #56 09, 4/15/09- \$140,253.25 and #57 09, 4/21/09 - \$259,47.06 reviewed and signed.

Action File Issues – None

Contracts – no action

3. Water IMA – Fitchburg – No action, to be taken up next week.

4. Debris Clean Up / Monitors - PRESS RELEASE, ANNOUNCEMENT 4-21-09

Town of Lunenburg (DPW) is hiring temporary employees to monitor the removal of storm related debris consistent with FEMA regulations. The contractor, to be determined by sealed bid, is likely to begin on or about May 11, 2009. Training session(s) for Monitors will be held prior to commencement of debris removal services. Monitor work to involve strict oversight and completion of related forms for the storm related debris removal operation.

Hours will be a minimum of 8 hours per day 5-6 days a week until project completion (60 calendar days). Rate of pay is \$18.00/hr. Please contact Jack Rodriquez at 978-582-4160 or at 520 Chase Rd, Lunenburg, Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM, EEOE.

5. PTO Fundraiser, 5/31/09 – David Blatt, PTO Fundraiser Chair came before the board to discuss their effort to raise as much as possible to help the schools, the Lunenburg PTO is looking to do a Spring/Summer fundraiser. The event we are looking to have is a COMMUNITY Yard Sale and are asking permission to utilize the school grounds on that day or possibly the school itself if lousy weather. We think this would be another great event for the community, similar to town fair, for the community that they can make an annual event.

The date will be Sunday May 31st (just in time for that late spring, early summer clean up). The folks in town can either buy a space from us and bring their stuff to a central location or advertise with us on a town map and have it right in their own front yard. The central location we are looking to us is the old Primary School. It will give us room to set up as well as providing parking. Plan is to have it outside if the weather is good, however if the weather is poor we would move it inside the old Primary School. Expressed appreciation for the board considering their request.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Warrant Articles -

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Special Municipal Employees -

2. Vacancies – Chair announced vacancies in the following departments: Fence Viewer, Housing Partnership, Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee, Personnel Committee, Pound Keeper, Sewer Commission, and Cemetery Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Contract Negotiations – No action

Being no further business board voted unanimously to adjourn Regular Session at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Williams, Chief Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen